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1. There has been agitation from some former Nazis for the establishment of an SED organization in Flensburg. It is argued that only this party can be the right one for Germany since it is a big organization and capable of achieving a position independent from Russia. One of these agitators is Dr. Theodore Kohrs, born in Göttingen 22 March 1888, now living at Falkenberg 19 in Flensburg. According to Dr. Kohrs, success can be attained if as many intelligent Germans and former Nazis as possible are induced to join the party.
2. Kohrs stated, furthermore, that he had discussed the matter with the local Communist leader Dr. Jur. Richter, but that after consulting party officials Dr. Richter had informed him of a decision to do nothing about forming a united party until after the elections. Later, however, the KPD in the entire western area would work energetically for the formation of a united party. The matter would then be brought up in Flensburg.
3. Before the elections the KPD brought in a great deal of propaganda material from Hamburg. However, the posters and slogans which the local KPD placed in the northern section of the city on 30 and 31 August were for the most part mutilated. This enraged the local group leader W. Hannemann and he ordered the Communists to guard their election propaganda. Hannemann and Schöler declared that if the police did not offer protection, matters would be taken over by the party itself. They were convinced that anti-Communist demonstrations were in "retaliation for Saxony", where the Communists have gained a majority -- as they will everywhere.

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